

ABSTRACT

An exhaust particulate trapping means **12** for trapping particulates in exhaust gases is provided in an exhaust path **3** of an engine. When the engine enters a deceleration condition during the removal by burning of exhaust particulates trapped by the exhaust particulate trapping means **12**, the drop of the flow rate of exhaust gases flowing into the exhaust particulate trapping means **12** is restricted. Thus, the cooling action of the exhaust particulate trapping means **12** through heat exchange with the exhaust gases can be kept up to suppress that the temperature of the exhaust particulate trapping means **12** excessively rises on engine deceleration.